

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

KIDANEMARIAM KASSA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT
v.	)	42 U.S.C. § 1983
	)	
	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
	)	1:17-CV-02068-WMR
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA,	)	
PAUL H. HOWARD, officially &	)	
Individually,	)	
ANTIONETTE STEPHENSON,	)	
individually, PIERRE EASLEY,	)	
individually, and JOHN DOE,	)	
officially & individually,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**PETITION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF ASHLEY J. PALMER**

COMES NOW Ashley J. Palmer, lead counsel for Defendants District Attorney Paul H. Howard, Antionette Stephenson and Pierre Easley, and pursuant to Local Rule 83.1(E)(3) of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, hereby petitions the Court for a leave of absence for the periods of:

**May 16-17, 2019**, for the purpose of attending the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Athens, Georgia as a member of the National Planning Committee; and

**May 23-24, 2019** and **July 3-5, 2019**, for the purpose of vacation.

During these periods, the undersigned will be away from the practice of law. A proposed Order is attached. Counsel understands that a leave of absence does not extend previously set filing deadlines nor relieve counsel from other deadline requirements imposed by the Court.

Respectfully submitted, this 13th day of May, 2019.

/s/ *Ashley J. Palmer*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this the 13th day of May, 2019, the undersigned counsel presented this document in Times New Roman, 14 point type in accordance with L.R. 5.1(C) and served a copy of the foregoing PETITION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF ASHLEY J. PALMER upon all parties of record by depositing a true and correct copy of same in the United States mail with adequate postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

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Respectfully submitted, this 13th day of May, 2019.

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**ORDER**

THEREFORE, having come for consideration, Petition for Leave of Absence of Ashley J. Palmer, and for good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's lead counsel, Ashley J. Palmer, is permitted a leave of absence for the period of May 16-17, 2019; and May 23-24, 2019 and July 3-5, 2019 from the practice of law for the purposes of attending the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Athens, Georgia as a member of the National Planning Committee and vacation, respectively.

IT IS SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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WILLIAM M. RAY, II  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE